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carries the story down to the close of the fifteenth century through the Crusades and the era of the Popes at Avignon. Perhaps the best bit of geographical description is in Vol. I, pp. 24-28, which treats of the work of the Rhone River and the manner in which, following natural laws, so large a part of the stream has been rendered unnavigable.

**Les Irrigations en Égypte. Par Julien Barois.** iv and 386 pp. With numerous Maps, Sections, Profiles, Plans, etc. Ch. Béranger, Paris, 1904. (Price, 30 fr.)

Mr. Barois, a civil engineer of distinction long in the service of Egypt, published a study of irrigation in that country in 1887. Egypt has since then been so completely transformed that the present work is entirely new. The book is a large octavo, handsomely printed, and covering all phases of irrigation as it has been developed and applied to Egypt. The Nile, the source of irrigation, has a chapter, and the soil and sub-soil, the basins of inundation, the irrigation canals, the dikes, barrages, and every other aspect of water utilization are fully described. It is a book that will be useful in every country where irrigation is important. The author says he hopes that the knowledge of the subject he acquired in Egypt may, through his book, be made useful in the French African and Asiatic colonies.

**Essais d'Hydraulique Souterraine & Fluviale. Par Edmond Maillet.** vi and 218 pp. and 48 pp. of Tables. Paris, Librairie Scientifique. A. Hermann, 1905.

A first-class work giving mathematical treatment throughout to this branch of engineering science. The theoretical side of the subject is first discussed, and in the second part the practical application of these ideas and theories is treated. The practical part of the work is in most respects the same as in the first edition, but the theoretical portion has been changed in many important respects.

**A Manual of the Principal Instruments used in American Engineering and Surveying.** 446 pp. and Illustrations. W. & L. E. Gurley, Troy, 1905. (Price, \$0.50.)

Describes and illustrates most of the instruments used in surveying and map-drawing and the methods of handling them in the field.

**West Africa Before Europe and other Addresses Delivered in England in 1901 and 1903. By Edward Wilmot Blyden.** iv and 158 pp. C. M. Phillips, London, 1905.

Dr. Blyden has been called the most learned man of the African race. Born in the West Indies over 70 years ago, he was nurtured in European culture, but has spent nearly all his active life in Liberia, where, through the press, the school, and the pulpit, he has incessantly worked for the development of his race. The four addresses in this little volume—"West Africa," "Islam in the Western Soudan," "Some Problems of West Africa," and "West Africa Before Europe"—were delivered in England and elsewhere between 1901 and 1903. They are vigorous and eloquent, and, like his earlier books, show a man who is capable of deep thinking and is saturated with facts and ideas relating to his race and its native home.